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**PATENT** 

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

January 29, 2009

In re the application of:

Docket No. 131P008

Joseph El-Hindi

Art Unit: 1723

Filed: 02/11/2004

Examiner: Sun U. Kim

Serial No.: 10/776,836

Confirmation No. 3016

For: Oil Filtration Vessel

### PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS

7. (currently amended) A vessel for filtering oil, comprising:

a frame defining at least one compartment having a female connector <u>fixedly</u> mounted therein:

an inlet pipe for injecting dirty oil into said compartment;

a tubular rack having a male connector, wherein said rack is removeably positioned in said compartment such that said male connector engages said female connector when said rack is positioned within said compartment and said male connector disengages from said female connector when said rack is positioned outside of said compartment;

at least one candle housing including a plurality of filter elements removeably positioned in said rack and in fluid communication with said rack; and

an outlet pipe interconnected to said female connector for removing clean oil.

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